

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

The Examiner has objected to the abstract. Accordingly, please replace the existing abstract with the abstract attached as attachment A.

Please amend the following claim of priority on page 1:

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of GERMAN Application No. 199 28 448.2 filed on 23 JUNE 1999. Applicants also claim priority under 35 U.S.C. ~~§120~~ 371 of PCT/DE00/01623 filed on 19 MAY 2000. The international application under PCT article 21(2) was not published in English.

Please add the following paragraph on page 1 following the above claim of priority:

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Please amend the following paragraph starting on page 1, line 2:

The invention concerns a ring filter made of star-shaped folded filtering material, ~~according to the preamble of patent claim 1.~~

Please amend paragraph 4 on page 1 as follows:

This problem is solved by the implementation of a ring filler  
~~according to the preamble according to the characterizing~~  
~~features of patent claim 1 described below.~~

Please add the following paragraph on page 1 after the above  
amended paragraph:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please add the following on page 2, before paragraph 5 which  
starts on line 26 of page 2:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please add the following paragraph on page 3 line 8:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION